



## **Alternative Power and Energy Grants: Maximum Grant Doubled to \$100,000**

For Immediate Release

Contact: Eric Burch 317-232-8944  
[eburch@oed.in.gov](mailto:eburch@oed.in.gov)

(Indianapolis)— In order to open up the Alternative Power and Energy (APE) grant program to a wider range of potential applicants, the Indiana Office of Energy Development has raised the maximum grant to \$100,000. The original maximum was \$50,000. The total funding for this program remains at \$879,000.

The APE grant program is designed to introduce alternative and renewable energy technologies to specific sectors of energy consumers. Hoosier businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and schools are all eligible to apply for these grants.

Technologies included in the program are Solar Water Heating for domestic hot water or radiant heating, Solar Electricity, Wind Power, Micro-hydro electricity and Biomass electricity and heating. Alternative energy systems make use of non-fossil fuel resources to produce clean, home-grown electricity and thermal energy.

The program is administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED). The grants are funded through the U.S. Department of Energy and the State Energy Program, but are not part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding.

Each grant is a maximum of \$100,000 and will be awarded through a competitive system. Applicants are required to match the grant amount with private funding. Applications must be received by September 25, 2009. Grant awards will be announced following a federal environmental review of the selected projects.

Application guidelines and required forms are available online at [www.Energy.IN.gov](http://www.Energy.IN.gov).

###

The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit [www.energy.in.gov](http://www.energy.in.gov). For updates from the Lt. Governor and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at [www.in.gov/lg/](http://www.in.gov/lg/)